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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S FIRST
MONTH IN OFFICE.

1. THE INFLUENTIAL REGIONAL DAILY QUOTE SUD-OUEST UNQUOTE HAS EMBARKED ON A PROJECT TO EXAMINE ANALYTICALLY THE INITIATION AND EVOLUTION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES BY OPENING ITS COLUMNS TO INFLUENTIAL FRENCH POLITICAL PERSONALITIES FOR THEIR JUDGEMENTS ON THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AND IN A SERIES OF EDITORIALS. THE FIRST MAJOR EDITORIAL APPEARED FEBRUARY 19TH UNDER THE BY-LINE OF QUOTE SUD-OUEST'S UNQUOTE POLITICAL EDITORIALIST ANDRE MANON WHICH SETS THE TONE OF THE PAPER'S REACTIONS TO THE FIRST MONTH OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION. THE MAIN LINES OF THE EDITORIAL FOLLOW:

2. BEGIN TEXT: ALTHOUGH THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE TO FACE ITS FIRST SERIOUS TESTS IN THE NEXT FEW
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MONTHS, IT IS ALREADY APPARENT THAT A QUOTE CARTER STYLE UNQUOTE HAS BEEN DEFINED IN THE FOREIGN POLICY FIELD. PRESIDENT CARTER'S INITIATIVES AND POLICIES TOWARD ANGOLA, CUBA, CHILI, THE SOVIET UNION, ISRAEL AND EUROPE, WHERE PRESIDENT CARTER MANIFESTS MORE ATTENTION THAN FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER, ALL HAVE A COMMON DENOMINATOR WHICH IS THAT THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT REMAINS FAITHFUL TO HIS STATEMENTS DURING THE

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN WHEN HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MORALITY IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. HIS LETTER TO SAKHAROV AND HIS REFUSAL TO DELIVER A PARTICULARLY DEVASTATING WEAPON (TO ISRAEL) ARE PROOF OF THIS.

3. SOME PEOPLE WILL CALL THIS UNREALISTIC AND DEMAGOGIC, BUT ONE MUST WAIT A FEW MONTHS TO KNOW IF THSE ACCUSATIONS ARE WELL FOUNDED, OR IF MR. CARTER IS REALLY PRACTICING A NEW POLICY. IF THE LATTER IS THE CASE, HE WILL HAVE TO FACE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS ACROSS-THE-BOARD. HIS LETTER TO SAKHAROV WILL EVIDENTLY NOT PLEASE THE KREMLIN AND HIS PROCLAIMED INTENTION TO REDUCE MILITARY CREDITS TO GENERAL PINOCHET OF CHILI WILL NOT BE VERY AGREEABLE TO AMERICAN HAWKS. WHAT IF THE NEW PRESIDENT IS NEITHER NAIVE NOR DEMAGOGIC, BUT A REALIST ? THE GREAT MOMENTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY TOOK PLACE UNDER THE AEGIS OF IDEALISM. IT WAS SUCH FOR WILSON, ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN (MARSHALL PLAN) AND KENNEDY. THE REALPOLITIC OF NIXON AND KISSINGER CONSTITUTES A BRILLIANT EXCEPTION TO THE RULE. HOWEVER, MORAL CRUSADES CARRY AMERICAN PRESTIGE AND AMERICAN POWER TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL. MACHIEVELLISM ? IT IS MORE COMPLEX THAN THAT, THIS IS THE WAY AMERICANS ARE MADE, THEIR GREAT PROJECTS HAVE TO HAVE A MORAL JUSTIFICATION. THE NEW CARTER POLICY IS PERHAPS SIMPLY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IGNORED BY THE SPECIALISTS, BUT WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE: THE DISPUTES IN THE EAST, THE REFUSAL OF A SYSTEM OF BLOCS, THE DESIRE THAT DETENTE NOT BE PAID BY THE WEAK, ETC.. THESE ARE THE POLITICAL FACTS, IF MR. CARTER USES THEM TO UPSET SOME OF THE RULES OF THE GAME, HE MAY VERY WELL WIN AND AMERICAN POWER WILL PROFIT ACCORDINGLY. END TEXT. DJEREJIAN
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